

Duck Tracks

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At this point, before discussing topics more pleasant, we should like to offer condolences to those among you had the misfortune to bet on Stanford. It certainly could not be said of the Indians that they were anything less than perfect hosts. It appears that their approach to what in the dear dead days before the war was called a classic, was sadly deficient in some way.

Perhaps they regarded football as just a game, and not the grim painstaking science it has become, especially in a league like the Big Ten, where a player just has to be a rather rugged operator to survive. We doubt if there was any marked difference between Illinois and Stanford in regard to material. The men from the mid-west were simply able to put out more of what they had, and of course got more in return. In the clutch they had what was necessary, and Stanford did not.

No Substitute for Victory

The loss made it six in a row for the Big Ten, but there is nothing barring a Coast comeback. The only thing they will need to do is shelve any extensive de-emphasis plans they might have, or else get the rest of the nation to accept them, because it is necessary to be very, very realistic, and very, very determined to compete with teams like Illinois on even terms. There is no substitute for victory in present-day big time college football; with cold cash from big gate receipts the reward for winning.

And you have to spend money to make money, which puts smaller schools, Oregon included, in something of a bind. One solution, just tried by Loyola and USF, is to give your footballs to the intramural department and forget the whole thing.

New Seats for Students

Departing from such weighty topics, Athletic News Bureau Director Art Litchman was telling us that the new bleachers being built on the floor of McArthur Court will enable all Oregon students to have closeup seats to the basketball games for the first time. The new addition of 600 seats increases the capacity of the court to 8500; the fourth largest on the coast: You will notice that they are curved to make use of the corners, which is a trick that had been thought impossible with removable bleachers until a new way of building them was devised.

New Dope Book Out

Also rather interesting was the fact that the U of O ranked twelfth in the nation in basketball attendance last year with 176,000. Another boost to our collective egos should be the news that no other state west of the Rockies has two hoop pavillions of over 8,000 seating capacity to match McArthur Court and Gill Coliseum. Not even California, which is not overly modest in claiming the biggest and best of nearly everything.

Litchman, one of the coast's most respected publicity directors, puts out a pocket sized "Duck Dope" book for every major Webfoot sport. His basketball edition, just out, has a nice yellow cover with a picture of Bill Borchers on the cover. In it, sportswriters can find nearly anything they want to know about Oregon basketball.

Form Chart

One feature which is very informative is his racing form type comments on each Oregon hoopster. It goes like this, starting with the forwards:

Bob Peterson, 6-5, All ND; top scorer, rebounder. Keith Farnum, 6-2, Improving, could help considerably. Mel Streeter, 6-4, Veteran reserve; has potential. Jim Vranizan, 6-4, Steady replacement; may help. Ed Halberg, 6-5, May be out with injuries. Ron Phillips, 6-1, Lacks size and experience. Doug Rogers, 6-3, Must improve to help.

Centers: Chet Noe, 6-7, Talented; could be answer. Hank Bonneman, 6-7, Improving steadily, could help.

Guards: Ken Hunt, 5-11, Steady veteran; fine shot. Ron Bottler, 6-1, Frosh; could break in. Ken Wegner, 5-11, Soph; fast, with talent. Barney Holland, 6-0, Soph; smart ball handler. Bud Covey, 5-10, Soph; out last year. Bob Hawes, 6-0, Soph; has good shot. Howard Page, 5-11, Frosh; fine floor man. Larry Chamberlain, 5-10, Frosh; lacks experience.

And there you have the Oregon basketball team as per Art Litchman's "Duck Dope" book.

All that is lacking is whether or not the various entries can run in the mud.

Borchers's Ducks

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the Iowa tilt, for the Hawkeyes broke the arena scoring record with 86 points as compared to 72 for the Ducks. Iowa could not solve the Oregon fast break in the first half, and led by only four tallies as the intermission time found the score 37-33.

Rather than trying to stop Oregon's fast breaking tactics in the latter part of the contest, the Hawkeyes displayed a break of the Webfoots off the floor. A five minute spurt in the third period gave Iowa its commanding lead, and they kept going until they had passed the previous scoring record of 85. Chuck Darling, the 6'8" Iowa center, split the hoop for 19 of his total of 27 points in the game during the second half.

After losing three straight games, the Ducks came to life against favored St. Mary's and eked out a close 58-56 victory. Dick McLaughlin caged a free throw with seconds to go in the contest to knot the score at 56-56, then guard Ken Wegner dribbled the length of the court and layed the ball in to snatch the win for the Webfoots.

Peterson Gets 19

The Gaels led only once in the game, when they took an early 7-4 margin. Oregon had taken the lead by the end of the first stanza, and by halftime the score had reached 33-26, for the Ducks. St. Mary's started to roll in the third period and continued to close the gap until McLaughlin's gift toss evened the count with seconds left. Peterson garnered 19 points for the Oregonians and played his usual splendid game on the backboards.

The Ducks continued their winning ways against College of Pacific at Stockton, downing the Californians 71-62. Coach Bill Borchers evidently had his charges in the right mental condition for the tilt, for they started fast and gathered momentum as the game progressed.

College of Pacific never threatened during the game, trailing by 10 or 12 points all through the contest.

Minturn Leads IM Race; Second: Theta Chi, SAE

By Bill Brandsness

The Intramural Sports program will be ready to go back into full swing Monday afternoon, January 7. The winter term program will include bowling, handball, basketball 'A', basketball 'B' and track.

Minturn hall led all competition in the fall term program. The lads from Minturn collected first place in football, first place in 'A' volleyball and first place in 'B' volleyball to walk away unchallenged with first place honors and a total of 375 points. Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Theta Chi pulled down a tie for second place with 269 points each. Beta Theta Pi grabbed fourth place with 258 points and Sigma Nu nailed down the fifth spot with 250 total points.

Minturn Again

Minturn beat the Betas for the football championship early in the year. Just before exams they dumped SAE 15-11 and 15-3 for the 'A' volleyball championship while the Minturn Bs followed suit when they beat Kappa Sigma 16-14 and 15-5 to earn the 75 points given to the 'B' champion. 'A' championships count 150 points.

When activities get underway Monday Minturn will have over 100 points advantage to ride on but there will be more different sports during this term therefore the intramural program is still a wide open race.

Everett Peery will handle the 'A' and 'B' basketball games. 150 points will be given to the winner of the 'A' championship and 75 points will be given to the 'B' winner. Handball will also be handed by Peery and the Handball champ will receive 75 points.

IM Bowling

Bowling will be conducted in the Student Union by the Student Union officials. There is a fee for the teams entering of \$31.50. Bowling was just voted into the intramural program by the teams com-

peting in the past couple days so a fairly large turn out is expected. 75 points will be awarded to the bowling champs.

Bill Bowerman will head the track and field events which will be worth 100 points to the winner. During good weather the meets will be run on a 300 yard track that will be laid out on the freshman practice football field. On the days when an outdoor meet would be impossible due to weather the events will be held in the unfinished area. The running events will include 40-yard, 39" hurdles, 40-yard dash, 3-4 mile run, and the four man 120 yard shuttle relay. The field events will include the 16 pound shot, high jump, broad jump, and the pole vault which has just been added to the field events this year.

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